

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for populating a plurality of fields in a find dialog of a spreadsheet program module, the method comprising the steps of:

determining a plurality of formatting characteristics of a cell in the spreadsheet; editing the plurality of fields in the find dialog to correspond to the plurality of formatting characteristics of the cell; and wherein the step of determining the plurality of formatting characteristics of the cell in the spreadsheet is performed in response to ~~a selection of moving a cursor over the cell containing said plurality of formatting characteristics and clicking a mouse button to select the cell, whereby the formatting characteristics of the selected cell are determined and applied to the plurality of fields of the find dialog.~~

- 3 and 4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[4]] 21, wherein the second shape of the cursor is shaped like an eyedropper.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein the plurality of fields in the find dialog comprise a plurality of number fields, a plurality of alignment fields, a plurality of font fields, a plurality of border fields, a plurality of pattern fields and a plurality of protection fields.

7. (Original) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the steps recited in claim 6.

8-20. (Cancelled)

21. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein:

the step of determining the plurality of formatting characteristics of the cell in the spreadsheet further comprises selecting an option of choosing the formatting characteristics from a formatted cell in the spreadsheet; and

in response to selecting the option, changing the shape of the cursor from a first shape to a second shape distinct from the first shape,

whereby the distinct second shape denotes to a user that moving the cursor over a cell and clicking the mouse button will apply the attributes of that cell to the fields of the find dialog.